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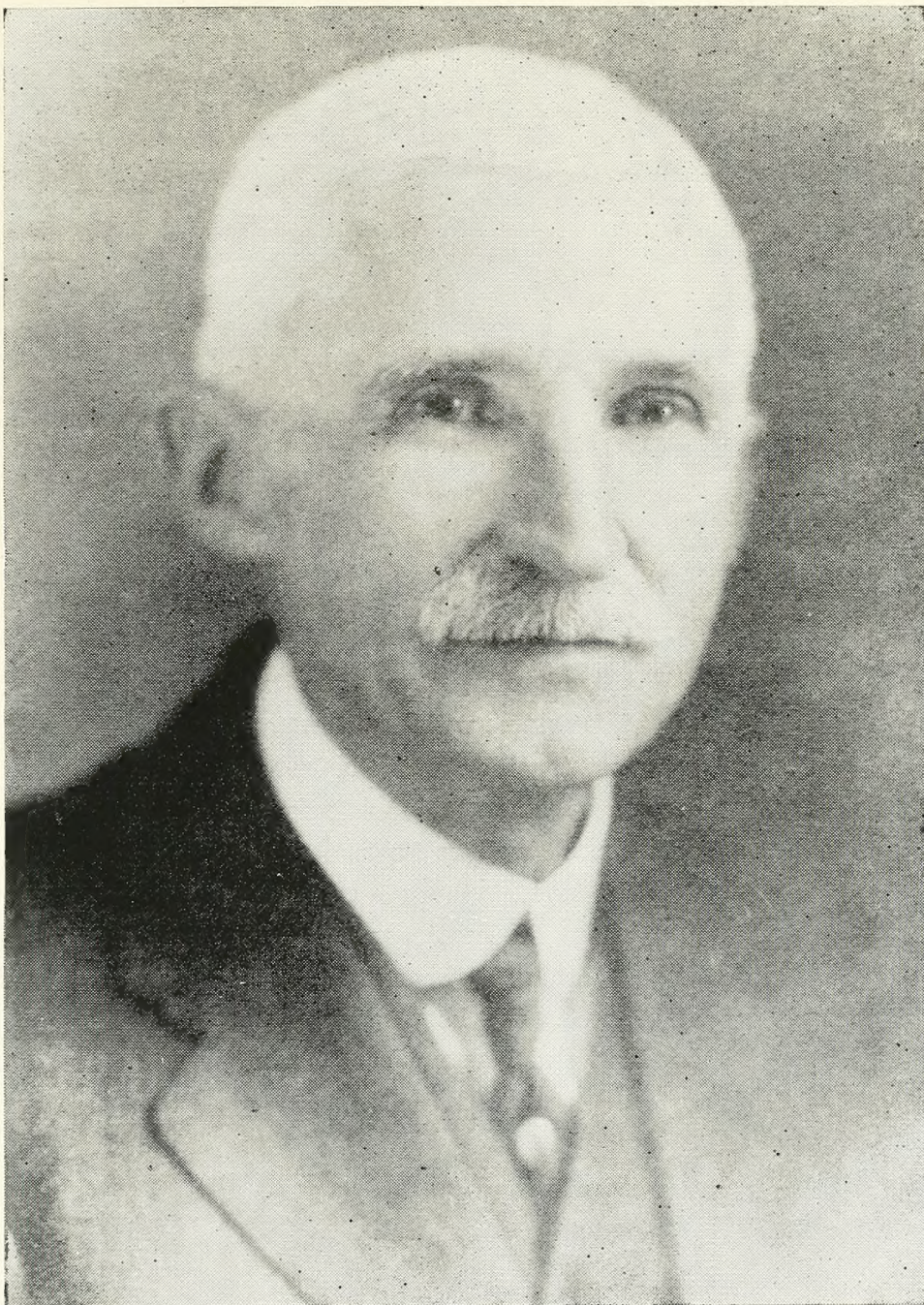


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**REV. MALCOM DANIEL McNEILL, First Pastor**

Rev. M. D. McNeill was born October 17, 1862 at Old Blue Place, near what is now Southern Pines, N. C. He was educated at the Union Home School at Union Church in Moore County, at the University of N. C., and Union Theological Seminary at Hampden Sidney in Virginia. After teaching school at Oakdale Academy in Alamance County and the Thompson School in Siler City, both in North Carolina, he was licensed to preach by Fayetteville Presbytery in April, 1894. He has remained in this Presbytery longer than any other member thereof. His first pastorate was in the Sanford and Buffalo Churches where he served 13 years. His ministry has been confined within a radius of twenty-five miles from Sanford. He has

served several churches at a time and the total of his ministries to these congregations is impressive. The most notable pastorates were those at Sanford, at Cameron, which he served forty years, at Cyprus, which he served twenty years, and at Manley, which he served twenty-five years. Mr. McNeill married Miss Annie Coble of Siler City on December 26, 1889. She died in 1900. God gave them four children: Mrs. D. B. Teague, Mrs. Gabe Holmes, both of Sanford, and Mr. Frank C. McNeill of Richmond, Va. Another son, John M., died in his youth. Mr. McNeill married Miss Alice Thagard of Thagardsville, N. C., on June 18th, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. McNeill now reside in Sanford.



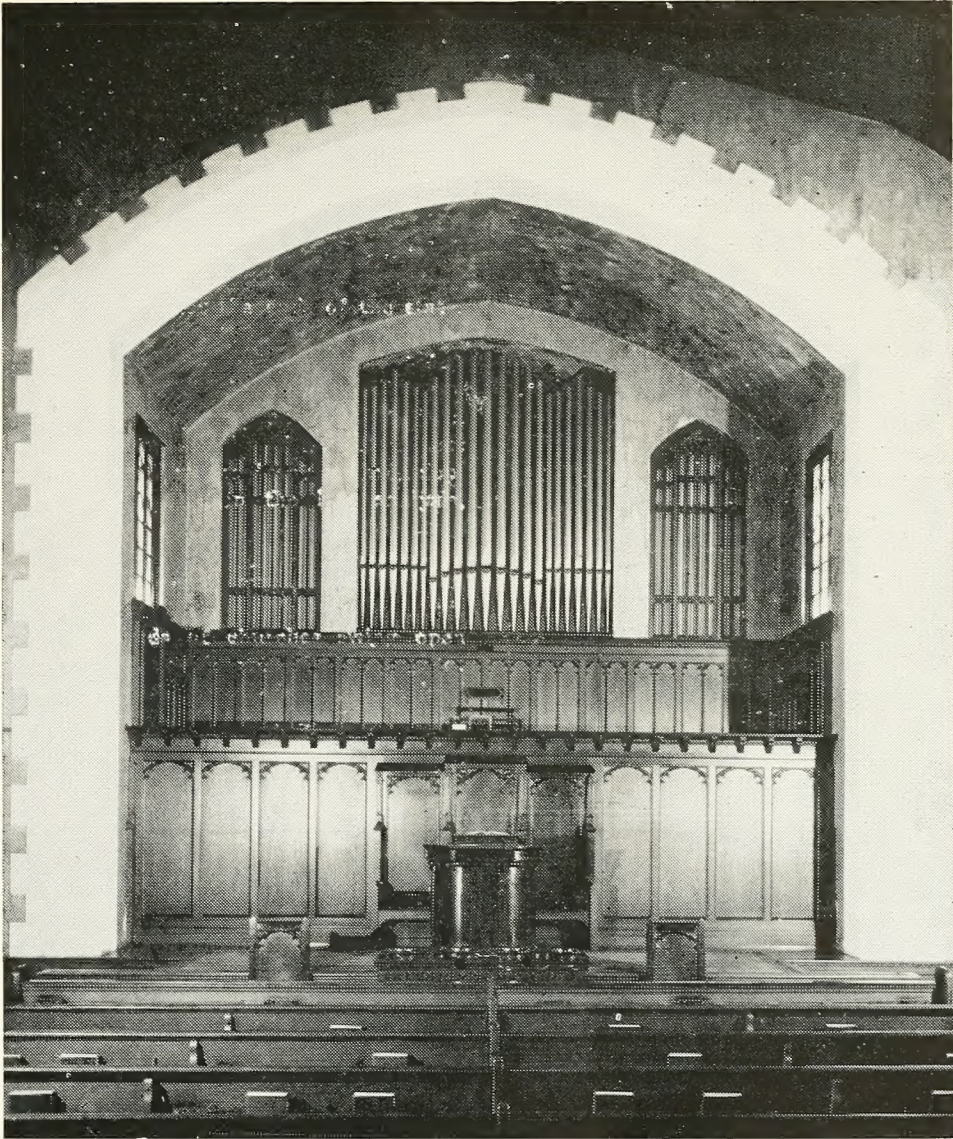
## *Dedication*

The Anniversary Committee dedicates this volume with its esteem and affection, together with the love of the congregation, to one who served this church well as its first pastor, who has loved it through the years, and whose life continues among us as an unfailing testimony to the true way and to the keeping power of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ,

to

Rev. Malcom Daniel McNeill





INTERIOR OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## MY CHURCH

Before I was born MY CHURCH gave to my parents ideals of life and love that made my home a place of strength and beauty.

In helpless infancy MY CHURCH joined my parents in consecrating me to Christ and in baptizing me in His name.

MY CHURCH enriched my childhood with the romance and religion and the lessons of life that have been woven into the texture of my soul. Sometimes I seem to have forgotten and then, when else I might surrender to foolish and futile ideals of life, the truths MY CHURCH taught become radiant, insistent and inescapable.

In the stress and storm of adolescence, MY CHURCH heard the surge of my soul, and she guided my footsteps by lifting my eyes toward the stars.

When first my heart knew the strange awakenings of love, MY CHURCH taught me to chasten and spiritualize my affections; she sanctified my

marriage and blessed my home.

When my heart was seamed with sorrow, and I thought the sun could never shine again, MY CHURCH drew me to the Friend of all the Weary and whispered to me the hope of another morning, eternal and tearless.

When my steps have slipped and I have known the bitterness of sin, MY CHURCH has believed in me and, wooingly, she has called me back to live within the heights of myself.

Now have come the children, dearer to me than life itself, and MY CHURCH is helping me to train them for all joyous and clean and Christly living.

MY CHURCH calls me to her heart. She asks my service and my loyalty. She has a right to ask it! I will help her to do for others what she has done for me. In this place in which I live, I will help her keep aflame and aloft the torch of a living faith.—Wm Henry Boddy, D. D.



# The First Presbyterian Church Through The Years

By  
MRS. R. E. CARRINGTON  
Church Historian

Beginnings are always interesting. Especially is this true when these beginnings issue in permanent values, uplift and life. Our charter members, three living in Sanford and three in other places, and those joining the church soon after its organization would no doubt gladly join in the rhyme, "Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight, and make me a child again just for tonight."

At least, turn the wheels of time backward fifty years, that the pleasure of contemplating afresh the laying of the cornerstone of one (to us the most important one) of the many chapels expressing the growth of the Presbyterian Church at that time.

More recent members are invited to go with us to a time when Sanford was but a very small dot on the map. It was just a level place where two railroads crossed, but with possibilities sufficient to make it an acceptable place for the location of a splendid school under the supervision of an excellent schoolman, John E. Kelley, of the noted Union Home School.

This school was opened at a time when the village was too small for any one of its four denominations, Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, and Presbyterian to have the strength, numerically or financially, to build a church. Naturally, the school building became the center of village life, socially and religiously, and each denomination had the use of the building one Sabbath in the month for preaching services. All met together every Sunday morning in a union Sunday School.

The day school became an asset to the town in many ways, one of which was as a magnet to draw families from miles around to locate where their children could have the advantage of a good school. Schools were far less plentiful than they are at present.

With the more rapid growth in population, came a growth in some of the evils that beset the human race. Not the least of these were three wide-open bar-rooms, with all the attending evils that drink draws in its wake. A number of young men and women, a majority of whom were Presbyterians, had come as boarding students in the school, besides several families which had moved here. They were confronted with a wide-open town, and not a church to be found to hold before them the better life.

The country churches began to sense a need for action and again the old mother of churches, Buffalo, had the privilege of sacrificing some of

her best, as she encouraged the growth of another church seedling, the Sanford Presbyterian Chapel. The chapel, we are told, was erected in 1892, or two years before there was an organization. Mr. D. N. McLauchlin, a young student preacher and school teacher, did the preaching in the chapel.

At the October meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery at Maxton, in 1893, a commission was appointed to organize a church in Sanford. The same was perfected the 30th and 31st of March, 1894, with nineteen members. These charter members were 13 by certificate from Buffalo Church, Duncan E. McIver, A. Landis McNeill, Mrs. Claudie White, Miss Kate Matthews, Mrs. Mamie Stanback, Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson, Miss Flora Patterson, Mrs. Lou Cox, Mrs. Ann Monger, Miss Alice Monger, Miss Ellie May Foushee, Mrs. Isabella Cox and Mrs. M. J. Matthews, and from White Hill Presbyterian Church Major J. W. Scott, Mrs. Kate Scott, Miss Kate Scott; from Sanford Methodist Church Mrs. Kate Howerton Scott. Received upon examination were Thomas E. White and W. T. Cox, who were baptized by the Moderator, Rev. W. F. Thom. John W. Scott and A. L. McNeill were elected elders and T. E. White and Thomas Cox were elected deacons.

Elder McNeill represented the church at Presbytery in Fayetteville in April and carried with him a call for one fourth of the time of Licentiate M. D. McNeill, with a stipulated salary of the magnificent sum of \$150.00 per annum. Buffalo, Pocket and White Hill paid him proportionate sums. Mr. McNeill accepted the call and preached the first sermon in the church the first Sabbath morning in May, 1894, and was installed at the evening service.

The first funeral service in the church was that of Mr. Cox, one of its two deacons, who died of a railway injury about three months after his election. Dr. W. A. Monroe was elected to fill his place.

The first series of meetings was held by Synod's evangelist, Rev. William Black, in 1896, and a number of new members added strength and encouragement to the church.

The first meeting of Presbytery with the church was in 1896. We find the interesting statement that the balance of the debt hanging over the church was this day discharged, which debt was, according to the report sent to the Presbytery, \$137.00. \$17.00 was contributed by the Ladies Aid Society.



A year and a half after organization, the statistical report sent to Presbytery gives the number of communicants as 46 and (please note) the number of teachers and scholars in Sunday School, 54, or 8 more than the number of church members. The financial report included a \$20.00 raise in the pastor's salary; and the \$137.00 discharged debt, with contributions to nearly all causes, amounted to \$480.00.

The Sunday School lustily sang "Brighten the Corner Where You Are," and lived up to its song. It didn't have such a big corner to brighten since all officers, teachers and 3 classes did the entire work in a single room. The little children were in one group, the middle class taking those from 6 to 15. The third thoroughly enjoyed the excellent Bible teaching of Mr. D. E. McIver, and drew all above the age of 15 to the hoary head. We could almost wish time rolled back, if, with it, our up-to-date modern departmental Sunday School could catch a big portion of the all-in-place, all-on-time, all-together in a spirit of worship and song and the shining joy of service, in this well known primitive Sunday School.

Mrs. Elizabeth McRae, a godly woman of Wilmington, who went over the State doing such work, organized the Woman's Missionary Union in the Spring of 1896 with five members: Mrs. Bell Cox, Mrs. Kate L. Scott, Mrs. A. P. McPherson, Mrs.

Kate H. Scott, and Cornelia St. Clair. Only two of these are living, Mrs. Bell Cox Dunn of Greenville, S. C., and Cornelia St. Clair Carrington, a member of our present Auxiliary. Mrs. McPherson, a recent addition from the Episcopal Church, was elected

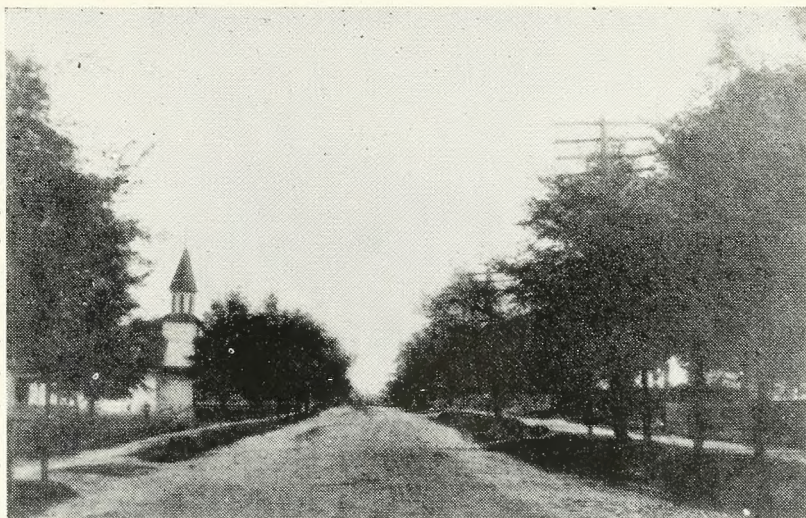
president, and Cornelia St. Clair was elected delegate to the Union Meeting at Maxton the following week. During the intervening week, fourteen new members had been added to the five. When the report was given, Mrs. McRae expressed delighted surprise, and asked the delegate to stand on the pulpit that the Union might recognize an up-and-coming addition!

When the women of the church at large began to organize, there was a good deal of opposition on the part of the men. Possibly, they read into Paul's admonition more than he meant to convey, or they may have feared over-aggressive zeal on

the part of the women. However that may be, the small Missionary Union in this new church had nothing of this kind to dampen its ardor, since both the Session and pastor gave the women's work every encouragement. Mrs. Hallie Winsborough passes along, in connection with the Women's Organization, the story of the old negro preacher who thought Selah was David's wife and every time David got into trouble, he ran to Selah for help. In those days Selah found her David often calling for help, and then as now she was and is anxious to be of the greatest possible service.

In 1913, with Mrs. A. G. Carter as President, the Missionary Union adopted the Woman's Auxiliary Plan, with the membership divided into Circles, the several Circles studying a given book of the Bible and a program on both the Home and Foreign Mission work. Every May the Auxiliary observes its birthday in an instructive and happy social gathering, when a contribution is added to that of the whole Southern Auxiliary to go toward women's work in a selected field at home or in one of our six foreign fields. Seventeen members have been honored with the Presidency of the Auxiliary and Mrs. E. C. Heins, Jr., has also served as President of Orange Presbyterial and more recently as President of N. C. Synodical, which last organization has conferred upon her its Life Membership

pin. Mrs. R. E. Carrington, Sr., and Mrs. Dan King have been awarded the Life Membership pin of the local Auxiliary. Besides Mrs. Heins, Mrs. A. G. Carter, Mrs. Dan King, Mrs. R. E. Carrington, Sr., Mrs. W. G. Sugg, Mrs. Victor King and Mrs. T. G. Gunn have enjoyed the fellowship



THE FIRST BUILDING

as officers of Orange Presbyterial. Any history of our early women's work would be incomplete without the names of Mrs. H. M. Williams and Mrs. J. R. Jones, who gave themselves unstintedly as consecrated and efficient leaders when few women had the training for leadership. A certificate from the Atlanta office, in memory of Mrs. Jones, was recently received by the Auxiliary. Each of these pins and certificates adds twenty-five dollars to the mission fund.

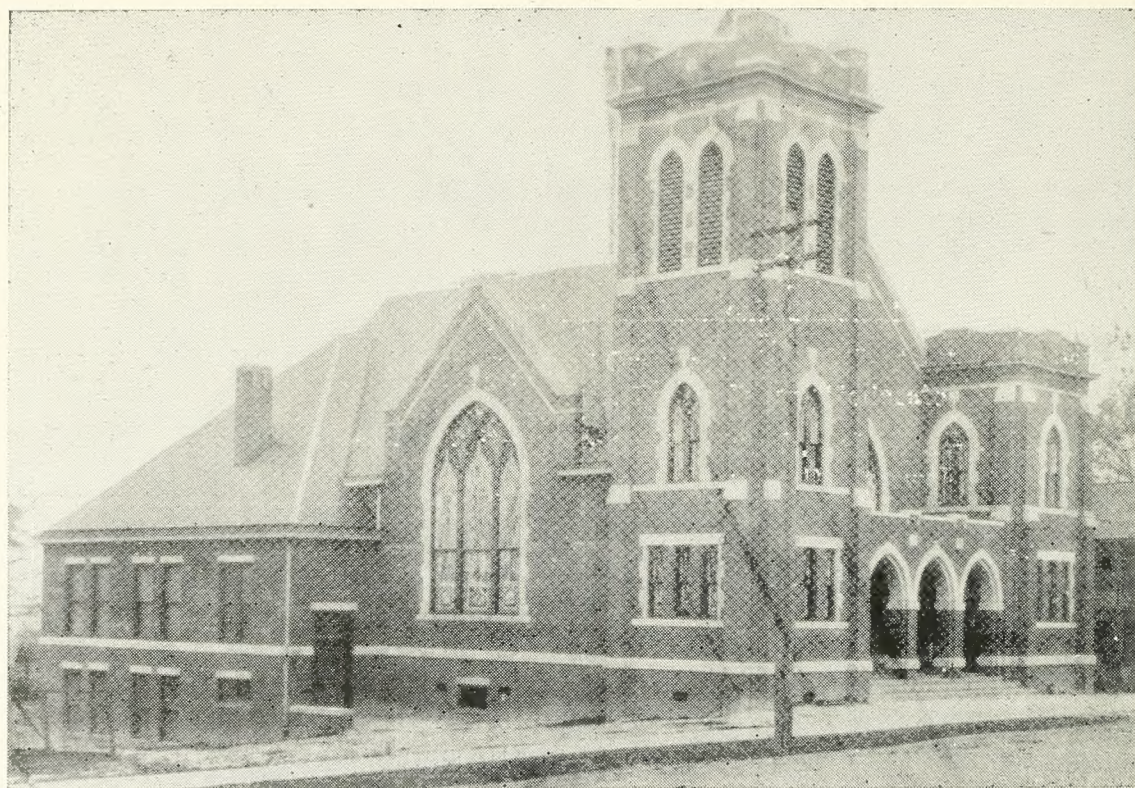
Many of the early members have in their minds a picture of the very unpretentious little chapel that grew into this present beautiful church. This



picture uncovers in memory's stronghold the strenuous ways and means employed in raising the amount of about \$1,000.00 necessary to buy the lot and complete the chapel. The lot was bought from a good Baptist brother, Mr. J. R. Weatherspoon, who contributed \$15.00 of the sale price of \$100.00 to the building fund. It would be impossible to say at this time just what part of the full amount was collected through oyster suppers, box parties and various other parties and suppers, but we can safely say that, without these, there could have been no chapel nor church at that time.

Mr. Thomas resigned and Rev. W. S. Golden began his ministry on June 1st, 1916, shortly after his graduation from Union Theological Seminary. On June 6th, a called meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery was held in the church, at which he was ordained, having previously been licensed to preach by the Presbytery of North Alabama. The following day he went to Asheboro to perform his first wedding ceremony, that of Mr. Dan B. King and Miss Carolin Wicker.

The second church building had been in use about two years, with a debt of \$8,000.00 on it. We pause to express appreciation to Mr. E. R.



**THE SECOND BUILDING**

Rev. M. D. McNeill, after having given thirteen years of Spirit-filled service with the congregation of this little church, asked to be released and in lieu of financial gain accepted the heart's devotion of his people who reluctantly granted his request. He was followed by Dr. R. J. Beattie who was called in 1907 from Kosciusko, Miss., but who was a native of Canada. He rendered five years of consecrated and fruitful service in this place before being called to a higher service. About the last service in the little church was that of his burial.

Rev. Frederick Thomas of Brunswick, Georgia, accepted the call of the church and, during his ministry of four years, the second church was built and used for the first time in July, 1914. The building committee was J. R. Jones, Chairman, L. P. Wilkins and W. H. Fitts.

Buchan and to the memory of Mr. J. R. Ingram for special effort in securing the funds. The debt was paid off in early 1918, and on April 28th, 1918, the church was dedicated. Dr. Walter Lingle, President of Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, preached the sermon. The organization of the church was as follows:

Pastor, Rev. W. S. Golden.

Clerk of the Session, Dr. Lynn McIver.

Treasurer of Local Funds, E. M. Underwood.

Treasurer of Benevolent Funds, W. F. Cheers.

**ELDERS**

A. G. Carter  
R. E. Carrington  
A. M. Gunn  
J. R. Jones  
Dr. Lynn McIver  
A. L. McNeill

Dr. W. A. Monroe  
T. A. Riddle  
A. A. F. Seawell  
L. P. Wilkins  
H. M. Williams  
W. S. Weatherspoon



# DEACONS

E. R. Buchan	J. W. McIntosh
W. F. Cheers	J. H. Monger
W. H. Fitts	D. L. St. Clair
Neil Harrington	E. M. Underwood
J. R. Ingram, Sr.	W. A. Williamson

Choir Director, Mrs. J. N. McNair.  
 Assistant Choir Director, Mrs. W. C. Lane.  
 Pianist, Miss Margaret Wicker.  
 Superintendent of the Sunday School,  
 R. E. Carrington, Sr.  
 Assistant Superintendent, L. P. Wilkins.  
 Secretary and Treasurer, A. G. Carter.



WOMAN'S AUXILIARY AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 27, 1944



PAST PRESIDENTS OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY





**REV. R. C. GILMORE, D.D.**

**Woman's Auxiliary**

President, Mrs. R. E. Carrington.

Aid Society, Mrs. W. F. Cheers.

Junior Auxiliary, Miss Josephine St. Clair.

Leader of Children's Band and Teen-Age Girls,  
Miss Flora Wicker.

Mr. Golden organized the first Boy Scout Troop in Sanford in connection with the church work. The same has grown into the Scout organization of the whole district.

Mr. Golden resigned in June, 1918, to enter the Army as Chaplain, but the church granted him a leave of absence and Rev. J. M. Wicker supplied the pulpit until his return from France, July 5th, 1919. He resigned on October 25th, 1921, to become pastor of Westminster Church in Richmond, Virginia, and came back to be married in the church on January 4, 1922, to Miss Floy Jones, Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary. The church expressed its appreciation of Mr. Golden's fruitful work in the gift of a chest of silver.

The pulpit was supplied for a time by Dr. Harvey-Jelly, an Englishman who came to us from Canada. After this Dr. R. C. Gilmore, of Fredericksburg, Va., accepted the call of the church in October 1922. Dr. Gilmore was an able preacher, a public spirited and useful citizen, and one of the finest pastors any church ever had. He had one custom not followed by many pastors. On each Christmas day he managed to call, if but for

a few minutes, on every family of the church. On December 22, 1927, the church was burned, but was subsequently rebuilt on larger and more beautiful lines. The church as it now stands is a monument to the architectural good taste of Dr. Gilmore and Mr. Thompson, the architect, and the careful daily inspection of Mr. Currie Golden of Stout Construction Company. The same thing may be said of the Manse, which was constructed under Dr. Gilmore's supervision.

During his pastorate the church was served by its first paid organist, Miss Pearl Brinson, and its first paid soloist, Miss Eloise Bass.

Dr. Gilmore resigned in the Spring of 1933, and returned to his home near Washington. Mr. Allen Frew, a Princeton student supplied the pulpit during the summer before Rev. A. V. Gibson was called from the Second Presbyterian Church of Whiteville to begin his ministry the first Sunday in October 1933. The churches of Lee and Chatham Counties had been transferred from Fayetteville Presbytery to Orange Presbytery in 1924. A commission from that Presbytery installed Mr. Gibson on October 29th, with the pastor of his childhood church, Rev. N. N. Fleming of Harofields preaching the sermon.

During his ministry a number of changes were instituted. The church was growing in numbers and financial power and some assistance became necessary. Miss Margaret Rouser came from the Training School in Richmond to accept the position of Pastor's Aid. She soon became Mrs. Robert Ingram and resigned in favor of Miss Katherine Carter, who, to the grief of the whole church, was removed from us by death, to be followed by our own Mrs. S. B. Jones. The young people of the church have done good work under the supervision of these young women, especially in growth in leadership, in social activities, in producing a better understanding with the young people of the Presbyterian Negro church; and they are now adding greatly to the enjoyment of the services of the church in their contribution to the singing under the able supervision of Mrs. E. C. Heins, Jr.

When the second building was burnt, the front was left intact and some of the material was usable, this with \$20,000 insurance and pledges from the members made an early rebuilding possible, but with a debt of \$30,000 made when money was plentiful in 1927 to be paid with big interest during the years of depression.

Determination coupled with sacrificial giving assured the dedication on October 6, 1940 of the church as it stands today. The people responded with joyful thanksgiving as the pastor, Rev. Mr. Gibson read the dedicatory service. Rev. Ben R. Lacy, D.D., President of Union Theological Seminary, preached the sermon, Rev. W. S. Golden offered the prayer and Rev. M. D. McNeill pronounced the benediction.

Mr. J. R. Ingram, Sr., an elder, made provision in his will for a sufficient amount to install chimes



in the church when it should be free of debt. The bells were placed in the tower and dedicated in the early Spring after the dedication of the church.

In October 1943 the church gratefully celebrated ten years of growth numerically, financially, and spiritually under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Gibson as pastor. The celebration came to a close with the whole congregation joining in the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," in nowise anticipating the verse "When we asunder part," as becoming effective at so early a date as November 15, when Mr. Gibson left to accept a call to the Morningside Church in Atlanta.

"My God shall supply all your needs," is a reassuring promise. A promise fulfilled in our supply, Dr. Frederick W. Lewis, who not only supplies the pulpit, but is a good pastor and interested friend in all departments of the work, consistently holding before his people the excellency of Christ.

Our Pentecostal year, the year of Jubilee, a time to count God's blessings has been granted, and, with it, a grateful people looks forward with hope, while trying to evaluate the ingathering of fifty years. Figures but symbolize values, and the many lives influenced directly and indirectly through these years cannot be counted, yet we rejoice in the many brought to Christ through the evangelistic preaching, throughout the Southern Assembly, by the gifted son of the church, Rev. John R. Williams, also for the two young men now preparing for the ministry, Alfred McNair

and James Nisbet and for the one young woman, Lane McCulloch, at the Richmond Training School, preparing for Pastor's Aid, also for our present Pastor's Aid, Mrs. S. B. Jones, who has grown up in our church.

The official strength of the church has been seriously depleted by a call to the House of the Soul, of the following elders: J. W. Scott, A. L. McNeill, D. E. McIver, L. P. Wilkins, W. S. Weatherspoon, Dr. W. A. Monroe, H. M. Williams, J. R. Ingram, A. M. Gunn, J. R. Jones, and W. H. Fitts and deacons: W. A. Williamson and D. L. St. Clair.

Fifty years have changed the number of communicants from nineteen to 537; the Auxiliary membership from five to 207; a possible church school enrollment of 25 to 314; a quarter time pastorate at a yearly salary of \$150.00 to a full time pastorate at a salary of \$3,600 with a Manse; an annual financial report of \$480.00, including all causes and pastor's salary, has increased to a budget of \$11,849 for the current fiscal year; from 2 elders to 21 and 2 deacons to 27; Auxiliary financial report from \$17.00 to \$2,388.00. However small this growth may indicate as compared to larger churches, we feel constrained to give thanks to our God that from small and weak beginnings, He has multiplied our blessings many-fold.



THE MANSE



# "Loyalty To The Church"

## The Anniversary Sermon

by

**Rev. Donald W. Richardson, D.D., Professor of Christian Missions in Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., and Moderator of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in the U. S.**

Delivered at the Morning Service of the Church, April 30, 1944

Dr. Richardson's topic was based upon the declaration of faith in the Divine Christ which Peter made at Caesarea Philippi and the statement of Christ upon that occasion that he would build his Church "upon this rock."

The following is his sermon, in substance, taken from notes written in long-hand by one of his listeners:

In that significant interview with his disciples at Caesarea Philippi, Christ announced his purpose to establish the Church. He also enunciated the certainty of the stability and perpetuity of the Church. The responsibility which rests upon us on this memorial occasion is to be loyal to this Church which not only our fathers and mothers founded and loved, but which Christ also loved and for which He gave Himself.

The half-century of the history of this church suggests the observation that the world of today is very different from that of fifty years ago. At that time it was mostly a world of peace, with the exception of the war between China and Japan, and other minor conflicts here and there. Today we are in the midst of global war and madness. The world today is in transition. It is a strange and cruel and dangerous world. We have come to the end of an era, and are entering into a strange new period, into the dark mysteriousness of which no human eye can see. It is not simply that the map of the world is being reshaped, old empires disintegrating and falling to pieces. In this hour, the very heart of humanity is being crushed. It is not only one nation, one race, one section of humanity that is in the cauldron of chaos and the crucible of judgment, the whole world is being shaken to its very foundations. There is a global movement of spirit reaching down to the very depths of humanity's thought and life.

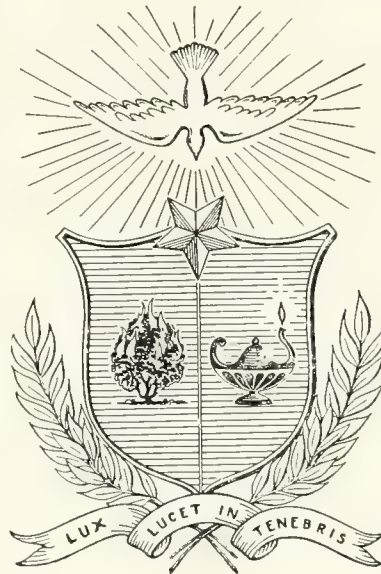
Some see in this apparent end of an era a sign of the Second Coming of the Lord; others, with optimism, prophesy that a better order will naturally evolve out of all this turmoil. In this connection, it should be remembered that God's Word gives no assurance of such inevitable good naturally unfolding out of evil as the result of human aspiration and struggle. On the contrary, "It is not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

Good men and women have never been satisfied with the world as it is. They have always believed that this world would not be good enough for any of us to live in until it is good enough for all of us to live in. In the past, men and women have found compensation and comfort in dreaming of a time when and a society where good dreams would come true, and where life would be more than a shadow cast by death. Men have always had their Utopias; and, in the darkest days of the past, they have had the courage and faith to face the future unafraid because they have dared to dream beyond the present and see the dawning of the day that is after tomorrow.

"Yesterday and today are heavy with labor and sorrow, And I should faint if—I did not see the day that is after tomorrow."

In our day, however, many have lost the capacity to see the day that is after tomorrow. There is a wide-spread retreat from the man-dreamed Utopias, the social idealism of the past. Multitudes of people have fallen into a mood of despair and

cynicism. They have lost all hope for a better world. They have lost their power to dream dreams of a brighter day. Much less do they have visions of a coming Utopia. Dante begins his Divine Comedy by saying, "Midway upon our journey of life, I came to myself in a dark wood where the



### SEAL of The Presbyterian Church in the United States

**The Dove**—The Holy Spirit.

**The Star**—Jesus Christ.

**The Lamp**—The Witnessing Church.

**The Burning Bush**—The Indestructible Church.

**The Laurel Wreath**—The Triumphant Church.

**The Latin Words**—"The Light Shineth in the Darkness."



right way was lost." Today humanity, like Dante, finds itself in the midst of a dark forest where the right way is lost. Over against this groping and bewildered world stands the Church of Christ as the thing of supreme importance, the one hope for a better world.

In some lands today the Church is looked upon as a thing to be hated and destroyed, or as a thing to be patronized and exploited as an instrument of the state, to be used for the ends of the state. In our land, however and in all liberty-loving lands there is a growing appreciation of the value of the Church and of those things for which the Church stands.

The man on the street, men of science, of art and of literature as well as the devotee of religion, are beginning to see that in the last analysis, America remains great and strong and free, not because of her vast material resources, her inventive genius, her educational system, her legislative halls, or her courts of justice, but because the doors of thousands of churches swing open Sabbath after Sabbath for the worship of Almighty God, the proclamation of His redeeming love through Christ Jesus and His will for humanity.

Visitors to our shores from other countries, interested in finding the sources of our greatness, commentators on current history, magazine writers, and other men in the public eye are telling the world that the Church is the true rock upon which the whole edifice of civilization is established, and that, as goes the Church, so goes society and civilization.

Many today are looking to the church and eager for her message. A popular radio entertainer, Mr. Eddie Cantor, recently spoke some words which were so surprising as to make a dramatic impression. At the close of his program he said: "We've had a lot of fun here tonight, ladies and gentlemen, and now, if you'll permit me, I'd like to say something a bit more serious. Here in Los Angeles a few days ago, we had a rather disturbing windstorm. I was walking along Sunset Boulevard at the time, and like the other pedestrians, I ran for cover as the gale swept down. There were a number of stores near by, but something guided me to a building across the street. I stood there in the archway several minutes, I guess, before I realized where I was. I had taken refuge in the doorway of a church—and it set me thinking. This world today is going through something far more threatening than a windstorm. Every single one of us needs refuge of one kind or another. And I know of no better place to go for it than a church. Y'know, the church must be a very strong and righteous thing—for it has survived every enemy it ever had! And the book which embodies the principles of the church—the Bible—is still at the top of the best-seller list. We are extremely fortunate to live in a country where we can worship as we please, when we please. Let's make the most of this blessing. Go to church . . .

You'll meet old friends—and make new ones. The greatest calamity that can befall a people is the loss of religion. Don't let it happen here. Go to church."

Here from an unexpected source is testimony to the fact that in this tragic age in which we are living the church of Christ is the thing of supreme importance. The Church is an evangelistic agency, commissioned by Christ to continue in the world the things which He "began both to do and to teach." The church can cast light upon the darkness of the world only as she herself walks in the light created by the presence of the living Christ in her midst.

The processes of trade and government and the pursuit of a defensive war are important, but, when the world is out of joint and men's hearts are failing them for fear, the Church is the thing of supreme importance. Therefore, at the end of a half century, let the Sanford Presbyterian Church confidently lift up Jesus Christ as the world's hope.

The greatness of the Church, the basis of the hope which it brings for the making of better men and women and the building of a better world is the Christ whom it proclaims as the one and only Savior of the lost and the one perfect pattern for human life. This Christ whom we worship and for whose service and glory this church was established, is not the peculiar possession of the Church in the past. He belongs to the Church today and to the Church of all days. He is "the same yesterday and today and forever."

It may be said of Christ in a much larger and truer sense than it was said of Abraham Lincoln when he died, "Now he belongs to the ages." Jesus Christ knows no period, no time, no age. His personality and His saving power bridge all ages.

This does not mean that Christ is just the same for us from day to day. There is always more light breaking forth upon us from God's Word, and Christ grows upon us. As we advance in grace and knowledge, He means increasingly more to us from day to day. Our conception of Him grows as we go onward and upward, both in the life of the individual, the Church, and the world. If we are truly Christian, Christ means increasingly more to us with each new day. "Leaving the first principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection."

Loyalty to the Church, in this hour so big with destiny, must not be chiefly expressed in attending conferences, passing resolutions, or looking backward to great moments in history, but in doing today the plain will of our Lord and Master. All of us know more of the will of God in Christ than we do. It is said, "Christ lives today in them that do." He is dependent upon us to complete all that "He began to do and teach." There is an old Irish proverb which says, "God loves to be helped." He works through human agents. There is a vital and a necessary part that this church



and all its members must play, if the kingdoms of this world are to become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. As we face the years which lie ahead of us, Christ stands in our midst

as He was in the midst of our fathers and mothers, and to each of us on this memorial day, He is saying: "I am counting on you."



THE VANGUARD BIBLE CLASS

### Officers of the Men's Bible Class

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**MRS. E. C. HEINS, JR.**  
Director of Choirs



**MRS. VICTOR KING**  
Organist



### ADULT CHOIR

#### SOPRANOS

Miss Maxine Farrell  
Mrs. H. M. Hackney  
Miss Ruth Herman  
Miss Grace Herndon  
Miss Emily Kimrey  
Miss Ruth Kimrey  
Mrs. D. I. Stanton  
Miss Catherine Swan  
Miss Wiley Turner  
Miss Elsie Jean Vick  
**ALTOS**  
Miss Frances Baker

Miss Margaret Hansel  
Mrs. W. M. Herndon  
Mrs. Victor King  
Mrs. E. C. Heins, Jr.  
Miss Mary Stewart

#### BASSES

Mr. William Finch, Jr.  
Mr. Harry Gaw  
Mr. R. M. Rickert

#### TENORS

Mr. W. M. Herndon  
Mr. James Nisbet

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR

Ruth Bain  
Polly Brice  
Elizabeth Cade  
Jane Cole  
Mary Hawley Griffin  
Jane Heins  
Isabel Heins  
Emma Holmes  
Petty Lou Jones  
Katherine Ann Knight

Ann King  
Elizabeth Lasater  
Elinor McNair  
Zona Lee Querv  
Susie Waugh Riddle  
Marianne Russell  
Peggy Snypes  
Betty Teague  
Eloise Thomas  
Mary Alice Wilkins

### JUNIOR CHOIR

Raymond Anderson  
Mandy Bracken  
Betty Cole  
Carolyn Hackney  
Martha Helton  
Bette Hamilton

Billy Herndon  
Pat Herndon  
Shirley Holland  
Sammy Ingram  
Kathryn Keith  
Richard Kelly

Peggy Mason  
Jackie Sue McFayder  
Shirley McFayden  
Alon Finch  
Pallie Stack  
Sylvia Moffitt

Jerry Miller  
Reggie Miller  
Pobby Patterson  
Bobby Query  
Donnie Seawell  
Jean Hackney  
Mimi Seawell



# Current Church Information

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

is administered at the morning service on the First Sunday of January, April, July and October.

## THE PREPARATORY SERVICE

takes place in the evening at 8 p. m. on Wednesdays preceding the Communion Services.

## UNITING WITH THE CHURCH

New members, whether on confession of faith or by letter, are publicly welcomed at the Communion Services. Those wishing to unite with the Church should acquaint the Pastor with their desires. They may meet with the Session at any time by appointment.

## INFANT BAPTISM

The Baptism of infants takes place at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. The date is set by the Session of the Church. Communicate with the Pastor or Clerk of Session for necessary arrangements.

## MEETING OF OFFICERS

A joint meeting of Elders and Deacons takes place monthly, Monday evening after the first Sunday. This is the time when the business of the Church is transacted.

## CHURCH FINANCES

Every member of the Church is expected to make a definite pledge at the beginning of the fiscal year, April 1, so that the annual income may be assured. Any matter concerning Church finances should be referred to Mr. Lee S. Jones, Treasurer, or Mr. R. E. Bobbitt, Chairman of Finance Committee.

The offerings for Current Expenses and Benevolences are received through the envelopes which members receive yearly during the last week of March or when uniting with the Church.

Any member who desires to contribute to any Benevolent cause other than through the regular envelopes should confer with Mr. J. R. Ingram, Treasurer for Benevolences.

## CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School is graded in the following departments: Cradle Roll, Beginners, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Adult Departments. A staff of faithful officers and teachers under the direction of Mr. Ralph Monger, Jr., Superintendent, and Mrs. Seabrook Jones, Director of Religious Education, administers the affairs of the School through the Monthly Workers' Conference.

## HOME DEPARTMENT

This Department, under the direction of Mr. O. C. Rogers, Superintendent, enlists in the study of the Church School lesson parents and others who, for any reason, cannot conveniently attend the Church School.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE

The work of the Church School is supplemented by weekly Vesper Services which are held on Sunday evenings at 6:30. This work is carried on by the young people themselves under the direction of the Director of Religious Education and an Adult Advisor.

## THE CHOIR

Those who desire to sing in the Choir should consult Mrs. E. C. Heins, Jr., Director.



# Anniversary Bulletin

of the  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SANFORD, N. C.**

(Issued in April, 1944)

March 30, 1894

GREETINGS

March 30, 1944

## OUR CHURCH TO COMMEMORATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

While life was flowing smoothly in the Golden Nineties, a band of earnest Christians, from old Buffalo Church, the mother of so many congregations in this region, together with other zealous souls, met in Sanford on March 30th and 31st, 1894, to organize, under the direction of Fayetteville Presbytery, the First Presbyterian Church. It's a long way back to that day. Although time has made many changes, the Sanford Church has kept constantly before her the cross of Jesus Christ. Like a good ship she has kept the course through fair weather and foul, and now she has crossed the imaginary line marking 50 years of continuous voyage. She has not docked as most ships do, for her course is ever onward.

It is for us to pause, and watch, and wait, and make such preparations as will appropriately mark her sacred accomplishment. Therefore, let the congregation of the church and the scholars of the Sabbath School

and all our organizations and societies, the families and friends thereof, unite their bonds of affection for this church in a common desire to observe her 50th Anniversary on the appointed days in April and May.

Let those who once called this their church return to scenes of other days and join with us to make the occasion a happy one for all who revere the name—SANFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH and the CHRIST for Whom she stands.

Certain days in April and May, namely, April 30th, May 3rd and 7th have been set aside to commemorate our Anniversary but, in the meantime, let us prepare ourselves through increased prayer and worship, and let us meet together regularly at the services of the church and Sabbath School to praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Surely this is THE WAY to restore our souls and open our hearts to a greater and more lasting appreciation and enjoyment of the Anniversary Services so close at hand.

## ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Rev. Frederick W. Lewis, D. D., Chairman

Dr. F. L. Knight, Vice Chairman

Mrs. Seabrook Jones, Secretary

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt

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Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Gunn

Mr. E. M. Underwood

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Heins, Jr.

Mrs. E. T. Ussery

Mr. J. R. Ingram

The above committee, held its first meeting on February 15, 1944 and has held many meetings since that time. A complete program has been adopted and arrangements are now being made to finish the details of

each special anniversary service. You can help the committee by bringing to their attention whatever you think may interest them in their work.

## Anniversary Suggestions

Don't keep the coming events a secret. If members of your family or friends were formerly identified with our church or Sunday School, let them know about our Anniversary. Should you desire some extra copies

of this Bulletin for that purpose let the committee know.

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Organizations of the church may intensify the interest of their members by observing the anniversary of the church at one of their regular meetings during the months of April or early May. The committee will be glad to cooperate.

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**See That Every Member of Your Family Reads  
This Anniversary Bulletin**





REV. FREDERICK W. LEWIS, D.D.  
Acting Pastor Since Jan. 1, 1944

The poet, Alfred Tennyson, once wrote, "Better fifty years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay." Mere existence, no matter how extended it is, if it is colorless, dormant and static and if it possesses no pith or point, can scarcely be called a privilege. Neither the beginning nor continuance of it are worth mentioning, much less celebrating. But when something appears on the scene, at first sight small and unimportant, "a cloud the size of a man's hand," then grows through the decades until it is seen to be a force and a promise of greater things to come, this is something worthy

of examination, to find "the hidings of its power," of commendation because of its apparent enjoyment of the approval of God, and of celebration, in humble gratitude to Him, without whose blessing nothing can finally flourish and prevail. The First Presbyterian Church of Sanford, therefore, feels it is most meet and proper that it should celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary at this time.

#### FOUR LIVING FORMER PASTORS

The Sanford Church sends its affectionate greetings to Rev. M. D. McNeill, pastor 1894-1907, Rev. F. D. Thomas, pastor 1913-1916, Rev. W. S. Golden, pastor 1916-1921 and Rev. A. V. Gibson, pastor 1933-1943. All of these except Rev. F. D. Thomas, who is honorably retired and living in Norfolk, Va., are well and able to be present for at least a part of the celebration.

We cherish their memories with abiding interest and affection, and wish to say again how grateful this church is for their faithful and fruitful ministries here.

One of the things for which we feel very thankful is that God has blessed and kept them through the years and that their lives are witnessing so steadily to His guidance and grace. It is a circumstance of unusual importance that the first pastor of the church, Rev. M. D. MacNeill, is living in our community, enjoying a good degree of health, and able to hearten us all by seeing him from Sunday to Sunday in his accustomed place in the services of the sanctuary. By the cordial and unanimous action of the Anniversary Committee, it was decided to dedicate this volume to Mr. MacNeill.

#### OUR BIRTHDAY! WE ARE FIFTY! WE ARE GOING TO CELEBRATE! WHY?

1. Because we love our church and love each other.
2. Because we want to determine our own part in the historic life of this great congregation. We shall look back and look ahead and see just where we are now, and try to fix for ourselves the precise part which

we should play in the future.

3. Because we want to bring into living touch with the church for a few days those with whom we have worked in other years, but who have now removed to other localities, especially our former pastors.

4. Because we want to show our affectionate interest in every member upon our rolls by some personal attention that will hasten his feet toward the sanctuary, however aloof or irregular he may have been before.

Sanford, N. C., April 15, 1944

To the Members and Former Members  
of the First Presbyterian Church  
Dear Friends:

In behalf of the Session of our church, may I extend to you our affectionate greetings as we approach the church's Fiftieth Birthday. We cordially invite you to lend your support and helpful presence at all the occasions planned for, and your best thought and prayer that this may be an observance of such high quality that its inspiration may linger in our memories for many years. We do not intend to spare time or energy or money to make this Golden Jubilee a worthy commemoration of God's goodness to us throughout this long period.

It has been my great privilege to serve as Clerk of the Session for some thirty-five years. One of the principal joys of my life has been to see our congregation grow from a mere handful to the strong, promising body of earnest Christian people it is today. We have had good and able men for our pastors. We have been given courage and faith in times of trouble and uncertainty. We have found financial support even in days of great stringency and trial. We have survived, by God's good grace, to this day, and now look forward to greater and better days ahead. Population changes in the neighborhood of a church often put it into such a situation that it must look to the time that is gone as its "Golden Age." We believe that we are just entering our "Golden Age," and we hope that it will continue and grow brighter and brighter until a glorious Centennial is celebrated.

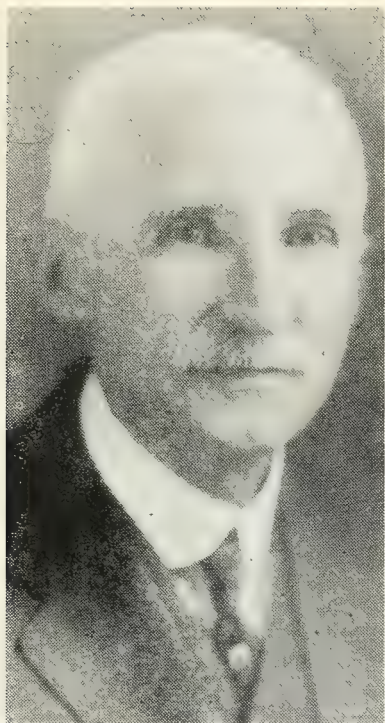
Our committee is working hard on the details of our program and has met with gratifying success. All that is needed now is the spirit of eager anticipation on the part of our people, an attitude of prayerful approach and the purpose cherished by us all that this Fiftieth Anniversary shall truly mark a Golden Milestone in the history of our beloved church.

In behalf of the  
Session,  
Lynn McIver,  
Clerk.



DR. LYNN McIVER  
Clerk of the Session





REV. M. D. McNEILL



REV. W. S. GOLDEN



REV. A. V. GIBSON

#### APRIL 30, 1944

The opening message of the celebration will be presented by no less a personage than the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church, Rev. Donald W. Richardson, D. D., Faculty member of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. The Committee takes a lively pleasure in this announcement, for what could grace an occasion of this importance more effectually than the presence of the Moderator of our great denomination? Dr. Richardson will preach both at the morning and the evening services upon the above date.

The day is further to be dignified by the presence of the Moderator of the Synod of North Carolina, Mr. W. E. Price of Charlotte, N. C., who will bring greetings from the Synod at the morning service and by the presence of the Moderator of Orange Presbytery, Rev. Frank Jones of Asheboro, N. C., at the evening service, who will bring the greetings of the Presbytery.

The congregations of the various Sanford churches are to be invited to participate in the evening service, as well as the congregations of Jonesboro and of the rural Presbyterian churches in the neighborhood. The Buffalo Church is to be specially recognized at this time.

The three choirs of the church are to provide very special music for the services, both upon April 30th and May 6th, and the ladies of the Auxiliary will be responsible for the adornment of the sanctuary with floral decorations.

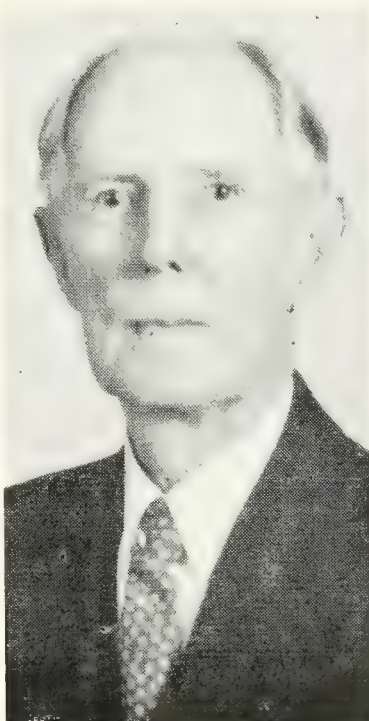
#### MAY 3, 1944

##### THE BIRTHDAY PARTY

The social demonstration of our Golden Jubilee will take the form of a Reception to our former living pastors, Rev. M. D. McNeill, Rev. W. S. Golden, and Rev. A. V. Gibson. To this occasion all members of the church and their families, as well as interested friends in the community, are welcome. The occasion will be sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary, and Dr. F. L. Knight will be Chairman of the Program, which will include the reading of the history of the church by Mrs. R. E. Carrington.

#### MAY 7, 1944

The services of Sunday, May 7th, will end the anniversary services. Rev. A. V. Gibson will preach at 11:00 o'clock A. M. and Rev. W. S. Golden at 7:45 o'clock P. M. What greater climax could we look for other than a "packed house?" Yes, the house of God filled to overflowing with Sanford Church people. Of course, these will be unusual services and you may be sure your former pastors will have sermons of importance to us all. Is it too much to hope that every member of our church, able to do so, will make it a special point to be present on these occasions. "I'll be there." Say it to yourself, then watch and pray. You will get a spiritual thrill as you honor your church at these closing Anniversary services.



REV. F. D. THOMAS





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**BUFFALO CHURCH**

## Greetings of Rev. A. D. Carswell

While some churches have clung tenaciously to their membership, the old Buffalo Church, two miles from Sanford, organized in 1790, has pursued the opposite policy. Again and again it has encouraged groups of its people to go out and found or assist in founding other congregations. The Sanford Church, together with seven others, looks to Buffalo Church as its mother. The record of Buffalo, in this respect, is so noteworthy that the various churches which have sprung from it are here listed.

Euphronia, organized in 1820 or 1821, came largely from Buffalo.

St. Andrews, organized in 1864, owed 15 of its charter members to Buffalo.

Salem, organized in 1868, began with 19 char-

ter members from the same source.

White Hill, organized in 1881, received 16 members from this source.

Gulf, organized in 1882, owed 13 members to Buffalo.

Jonesboro, organized in 1885, was indebted to Buffalo for 33 of her charter members.

Pocket, organized in 1890, had 32 charter members from the same source.

Sanford, organized in 1894, received from Buffalo 14 of her 29 charter members.

It may be added as a significant item, that Buffalo Church has sent 15 of her sons into the Gospel Ministry.

The present Pastor, Rev. A. D. Carswell, has served the church since 1940.



# Orange Presbytery Greetings

The following congratulatory message was ordered sent by Orange Presbytery at its Spring meeting in April, 1944, and was brought in person to our church Sunday night, May 7, by Rev. Frank Jones of Asheboro, Moderator of Presbytery. The greeting was written by Rev. C. E. Hodgin, D.D.

"The Presbytery of Orange sends warm greetings and hearty congratulations to the Sanford Presbyterian Church on its Fiftieth Anniversary. For the first thirty years of its history it was a part of Fayetteville Presbytery, and for the past twenty years it has been a part of Orange Presbytery. We wish to express to you especially our sincere appreciation of the fine service you have rendered to the Presbytery during the past twenty years. Through your pastors and members you have furnished valuable leadership in all departments of the work of the Presbytery."

"While Dr. R. C. Gilmore was your pastor, he served efficiently as the Chairman of the Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, as a member of the Home Mission Committee, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Flora Macdonald College. Likewise Rev. A. V. Gibson rendered valuable service as moderator of the Presbytery, as a member of the Home Mission Committee, as a member of the Religious Education Committee and Director of Young Peoples' Conferences, as a Trustee of Flora Macdonald College, and as Chairman of the Defense Service Council. Several of the officers of this church

have served on the committees of the Presbytery: Mr. E. M. Underwood has served on the Stewardship Committee, Dr. Lynn McIver as a Trustee of Flora Macdonald College, and Dr. F. L. Knight as Trustee of Peace Junior College."

"The Women's work of the Presbytery is indebted to your church for exceptionally fine leadership. Mrs. E. C. Heins, Jr., has served with distinction as President of the Presbyterial and as President of the Synodical. Mrs. Dan King is Secretary of the Presbyterial, and Mrs. T. G. Gunn is a member of the Advisory Board of Flora Macdonald College."

"The Young People of your church have had an important part in the work of the Young Peoples' Council of the Presbytery. Several of your young people have served on the Council, and at the present time Mr. James A. Nisbet is President of Orange Young People. Also Mr. Nisbet and Mr. Alfred McNair are candidates for the Gospel Ministry under the care of Orange Presbytery. Furnishing recruits for the Ministry is one of the greatest services any church can render to the cause of Christ at the present time."

"Orange Presbytery congratulates you again, not only upon your fine record of service in the local church, but also upon the splendid service that you have rendered, and are rendering, in the Presbytery and in the Church at large. May the richest blessings of God abide upon you in all your future work."





# Organizations of Church

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent . . . . . Ralph Monger, Jr.  
Assistant Supt. . . . . Mack Auman  
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Mrs. J. V. King	Mrs. R. E. McCulloch
Mrs. S. Q. Kimrey	Mr. J. V. King
Mrs. A. C. Thomas	Mrs. W. M. Herndon
Mrs. T. G. Gunn	Mrs. J. N. McNair
Miss Elizabeth Russell	Mrs. Dan King
Mrs. R. F. Suddarth	Mr. H. M. Hackney
Miss Margaret Hansel	

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE

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Secretary . . . . . Grace Herndon  
Treasurer . . . . . Elizabeth Cade

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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Vice-President . . . . . Mrs. S. Q. Kimrey  
Secretary . . . . . Mrs. A. W. Palmer  
Treasurer . . . . . Mrs. C. G. Hatch  
Historian . . . . . Mrs. R. E. Carrington

## PAST PRESIDENTS

### of THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. A. P. McPherson  
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Mrs. A. G. Carter  
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Mrs. W. G. Sugg  
Mrs. E. T. Ussery



**MRS. SEABROOK JONES**  
Director of Religious Education  
Since 1941



# Our Honor Roll

## IN WORLD WAR I

1917 - 1918

R. E. Bobbitt	S. B. Jones
R. D. Bracken	S. Q. Kimrey
G. G. Chiles	Rex L. Kelly
W. W. Chaffin	Dan B. King
Conrad Donnell	F. L. Knight
W. C. Donnell, Jr.	Miss Margaret Lasater
L. C. Heins	W. C. Moffitt
Max T. Heins	C. J. Post
H. C. Hickman	D. D. Riddle

## IN WORLD WAR II

1941 —

1. Lynn Adcock	34. Sam R. Kimrey
2. W. M. Anderson	35. William B. Long
3. Beverly Bobbitt	36. James Miller
4. William Buchanan	37. Ben Miller
5. Harry Campbell	38. William A. Monroe, Jr.
6. Dr. G. G. Chiles	39. Fred McBryde
7. W. T. Chaffin	40. Jack McBryde
8. F. A. Dickens	41. John J. McIver
9. Charles Dickens	42. James R. McIver
10. Edwin Donnell, Jr.	43. Wallace McIver
11. Charles Fields	44. Willis McCracken
12. James Fields	45. Norman McLeod
13. John Fields	46. Max McLeod
14. H. C. Hickman, Jr.	47. Vann McNeill
15. Meigs Golden	48. Champney McNair
16. W. H. Gurley	49. John T. McKernan
17. Ralph Gurley	50. Raymond McCulloch
18. John E. Griffin	51. H. M. Patterson
19. Lucille Griffin	52. Herbert Russell
20. T. E. Haigler	53. Paul Swan
21. Laird Harrington	54. Dr. D. I. Stanton
22. Charles Howland	55. Harry Snead
23. John Homewood	56. Woodrow Scoggins
24. John Holmes	57. Lewis Sugg
25. Gabe Holmes, Jr.	58. W. R. Tatum
26. Clawson Johnson	59. John Thomas
27. Floyd Johnson	60. Howard Turner
28. Robert Johnson	61. George White
29. J. O. Johnson, Jr.	62. Robert White
30. Frank Joyce	63. Joseph M. Wilkins
31. William J. Keith	64. L. P. Wilkins, Jr.
32. James W. King	65. A. Reid Wicker
33. Graham W. Kimrey	66. William S. Weatherspoon

# PROGRAMS OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY

## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

APRIL 30, 1944

MORNING WORSHIP, 11:00

(The service will proceed without announcement)

Prelude—"Andante Pastorale" ..... Alexis

Striking the Hour

The Doxology

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 3—"Come Thou, Almighty King"

Responsive Reading—Selection 33, Psalm 145

Gloria Patri

Morning Prayer and Response

Announcements

The Offering—"Gloria in Excelsis Deo" ..... Mozart

Dedicatory Prayer

Greetings from the Synod of North Carolina,

Mr. W. E. Price, Moderator

Hymn 352—"Glorious Things," (Stanzas 1, 2)

Sermon—By the Rev. Donald W. Richardson, D. D.,

Moderator of the General Assembly of the

Presbyterian Church in the U. S.

Hymn 353—"I Love Thy Kingdom," (Stanzas 1, 2, 3)

Benediction

Choral Response

Organ Postlude—"Festal March in F" ..... Roberts

\*Ushers will seat those who are waiting.

CHOIR PRACTICE:

YOUNG PEOPLE at 2:00 today.

JUNIOR at 3:00 today.

SENIOR at 5:30 today.



# PROGRAMS OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY

## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY UNION SERVICE

8:00 P. M.

Prelude—"Twilight Devotion" ..... Pease

Hymn 345—(Stanzas 1, 2) with descant

Invocation—Rev. H. L. Hendricks

Responsive Reading—Selection 20, Psalm 84

Anthem—"Lamb of God" ..... Bizet

Greetings from Presbytery of Orange,  
Rev. Frank Jones, Moderator

Greetings from Buffalo Presbyterian Church,  
Rev. A. D. Carswell

Hymn 25—(Stanzas 1, 2, 3)

Sermon—Rev. Donald W. Richardson, D. D.

Prayer

Hymn 290

Benediction—Rev. Roy Morris

Postlude—"Marche Brillante" ..... Lowden

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### YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY TODAY

The Young Peoples' Organization of Orange Presbytery, District No. 4, will hold a Rally today in our church from 3:00 P. M. until 5:30 P. M. Chaplain DeWitt Zuse of Fort Bragg will speak at 4:30. Supper will be served at 5:45. All are welcome to the sessions of the Rally.

# PROGRAMS OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY

## Golden Jubilee Week

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, AT 8:00 P. M.

### RECEPTION TO FORMER PASTORS

Dr. F. L. Knight will be the chairman of the evening and will introduce Rev. M. D. McNeill, Rev. W. S. Golden, Rev. A. V. Gibson and Rev. A. M. Frew, D. D., each of whom will respond with a brief message. Mrs. R. E. Carrington will read excerpts from the history of these five decades, which she has compiled, and Miss Katharine Swan will sing. All interested friends are invited. This occasion is under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

### PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICES

At 11 A. M., Rev. A. V. Gibson, of Atlanta, Ga., will preach.

At 7:45 P. M., Rev. W. S. Golden, of Carthage, N. C., will preach.

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**"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go unto  
the House of the Lord."**

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## Greetings From Our Recent Pastor

### A Challenge to go Forward

My Dear Friends:

It must be with great thankfulness to Almighty God that you have arrived at the fiftieth year of your life as a Church. Through His blessing and guidance you have grown from small beginnings to a Church of great influence and power. With this growth in physical equipment, has come also a corresponding growth in the things of the Spirit. Truly God has been gracious and good to His Church in Sanford. Let your hearts be ever thankful at the remembrance of His mercy.

But with these great blessings come new responsibilities. The Church can never mark time. Out there in the future lie unexplored fields of usefulness in which you must make conquest. I am convinced that the golden days of your Church

lie ahead. The way will be shown if you always keep the open ear and the listening heart. God will make it known to you. You will see it and be glad.

I have been gone from you, my people, for nearly six months. Never will the affection I hold for you be dimmed by distance or time, but you shall ever remain in the treasure house of precious memory, a source of joy ever springing. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now."

Faithfully yours,

A. V. GIBSON



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